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(57) Abstract: Nanoparticles of a biodegradable polymer containing a hydrophilic, cationic drug, like streptomycin, and preparations containing the same, are disclosed. Pharmaceutical preparations containing the nanoparticles are administered, preferably orally, to individuals suffering from a disease or condition, and the nanoparticles release the drug, *in vivo*, to treat the disease or condition.



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